

# **Open Session Minutes for August 2, 2010**

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
Monday, August 2, 2010 7 p.m.**

**H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM  
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET  
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
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**TA Chiocca and all BOS members present.**

## **OPEN FORUM**

**Mr. Zupkofska questioned the need to provide advance notice of topics to be discussed. Mr. Chiocca explained both Attorney Galvin and Attorney Clifford recommended prior public notification of topics to be discussed.**

**Mr. Zupkofska questioned why the open meeting law would apply to him as a member of the public, and asked to be placed on the agenda for the next open forum to discuss the loss of checks in Rockland.**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **1. Chief Search**

**Mr. Chiocca presented a timeline and plan for the new Fire Chief search MOTION by Mr. Minahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. O'Brien to approve timeline and plan.**

**Lengthy discussion took place regarding advertisement and the salary of the Fire Chief's position.**

**MOTION to increase the Fire Chief's salary to \$90,000.00 by Mr. Minahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson, passed 5-0.**

**The advertisement should reflect the current salary of \$90,000.00.**

**MOTION to approve and accept the plan, timetable and advertisement as amended by Mr. Minahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson passed 5-0.**

### **2. Vehicle Insurance report**

**Mr. Chiocca updated the BOS on the recent town wide vehicle audit. He had discovered numerous vehicles which were still being carried for insurance which were no longer in use. The town's insurance company will provide a credit to the Town for the vehicles removed from the list.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **3. Rockland Youth Soccer parade request-John Ellard**

**Mr. Ellard requested permission to hold a soccer parade to open the season. The Police Department has been consulted.**

**MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.**

### **4. CDBG \$800,000 award-Wayne Darragh**

**The BOS were updated on the status of the Union St. Sidewalk Project.**

**The final hearing will be held on Thursday August 5, 2010.**

**Mr. Darragh discussed the recent award which will provide for approximately 18 housing rehabilitation projects in the Community Block Grant target area. There is also a \$95,000 appropriation for the development of a**

community/downtown revitalization plan. Mr. Darragh also informed the BOS the new timeline for filing is in December instead of February.

#### **5. Rent Control Board report- Atty. Clifford**

Attorney Clifford discussed and informed the BOS of a pending agreement between Hometown America and the Rent Control Board regarding the formula for rent increases, based on CPI increases. While the hearings have been contentious the hope is for an adoption of rules and regulations, a formula for rent increases and finally a settlement agreement of the pending litigation.

#### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

~Announced the annual Forget-Me-Not sale by the Disabled American Veterans

~Read a thank you from the Census Bureau for the use of Town Hall for training.

#### **SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS**

*Comments and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the BOS and are the opinions and comments of only the individual member.*

##### **Mr. Minahan**

~Had a question regarding the legal recap.

~Discussed the current Hoadley property project.

##### **Mr. Kimball**

~Went on the Lions Club Bike Run.

~Attended the ribbon cutting for the East West Parkway.

~ Planning a ride along with Bob Corvi.

~Working on the Fire Chief search.

~Has been attending numerous meetings of the Planning Board, ZBA, School Building, and Rent Control.

## **Mr. Johnson**

- ~Happy to see the 35<sup>th</sup> soccer parade and event.**
- ~Promoted the lacrosse clinic for developing an interest in the sport.**
- ~Asked for thoughts and prayers for Mrs. Taylor teacher at the Esten School who was involved in a car accident.**

## **Ms. O'Brien**

- ~Attended the Chamber of Commerce reception at Southfield.**
- ~Met with the Lt Governor to promote the building of a new Senior Center.**
- ~Attended the ribbon cutting of the East-West Parkway.**
- ~Attended the AirXchange ground breaking.**
- ~Attended the Mass Development conference at the State House to promote expedited permitting.**
- ~Attended the Lions Bike Run.**
- ~Requested Business Task force attend the Sidewalk project hearing on 8/5**
- ~Discussed the Elevator project. Mr. Chiocca discussed the status of the elevator project at the McKinley School and hoped the project would start in early September and be finished by the end of the month.**

## **Mr. Chaffee**

- ~Asked everyone to keep Marguerite "Maggie" MacDonald in their prayers who was Rockland's oldest resident and passed away recently.**
- ~Discussed the School Building Committee and the progress the project is making. He also invited everyone to attend future meetings.**
- ~He has been attending BAT Bus meetings and wants to inform the public of the change in schedules to begin on August 16, 2010. Brochures are available at Town Hall or online.**
- ~Praised the Highway Department for cleaning up the compost area of the Landfill.**
- ~Questioned whether Rockland was being sprayed for Eastern Equine Encephalitis.**

### **30. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION to go into Executive Session to hear a grievance and for negotiations not to reconvene by Mr. Minahan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. O'Brien passed by Roll Call vote 5-0.**

- 1. Fire Department Grievance-Chief Appointment**
- 2. Town Administrator contract review-continued**

**Meeting went into Executive Session at 8:57PM**

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**Allan R. Chiocca**  
**Town Administrator**

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**Deborah A. O'Brien, Vice-Chairman**  
**Board of Selectmen**

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